

Senate Resolution 1188

By: Senator Hamrick of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the West Georgia Drug Task Force; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the West Georgia Drug Task Force is made up of men and women dedicated
3 to combating illicit narcotics activity in West Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, the purpose and mission of the West Georgia Drug Task Force is to effectively
5 team a cadre of specially trained personnel composed of multiple local law enforcement
6 officers to combat illicit drug activities within the jurisdictional boundaries of Carroll, Heard,
7 and Meriwether counties; and

8 WHEREAS, their goal is to enhance local law enforcement's capability through the
9 utilization of advanced technical and investigative techniques in identifying, investigating,
10 and prosecuting persons or organizations involved in all levels of illicit drug activities within
11 the jurisdictions of member agencies; and

12 WHEREAS, the task force is composed of two agents from Carroll County Sheriff's
13 Department, two agents from Heard County Sheriff's Department, one agent from
14 Meriwether County Sheriff's Department, two agents from the Carrollton Police Department,
15 two agents from the Villa Rica Police Department, and a commander who is an employee of
16 the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; and

17 WHEREAS, because methamphetamine use has reached epidemic proportions and is a
18 tremendous problem in West Georgia, the expertise of this task force is sorely needed in all
19 aspects of methamphetamine investigations, but particularly in the area of safely dismantling
20 and effectively cleaning up clandestine labs; and

21 WHEREAS, the agents of the West Georgia Task Force are specially trained and certified
22 in all areas of methamphetamine investigation, and each agent has also completed a high risk

1 warrant building entry training that greatly adds to the effectiveness and safety of their
2 tactical operations; and

3 WHEREAS, this task force is the only agency in the immediate area that is certified and
4 capable of conducting clandestine methamphetamine laboratory investigations; and

5 WHEREAS, the West Georgia Drug Task Force was recognized by the Criminal Justice
6 Coordinating Council and the Governor's office in the past year as a model unit; and

7 WHEREAS, this group has displayed unprecedented dedication and professionalism, and it
8 is only fitting this body should recognize the members of the West Georgia Task Force.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 recognize and commend the outstanding members of the West Georgia Drug Task Force and
11 express appreciation and congratulations on their accomplishments.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the West Georgia Drug Task Force.